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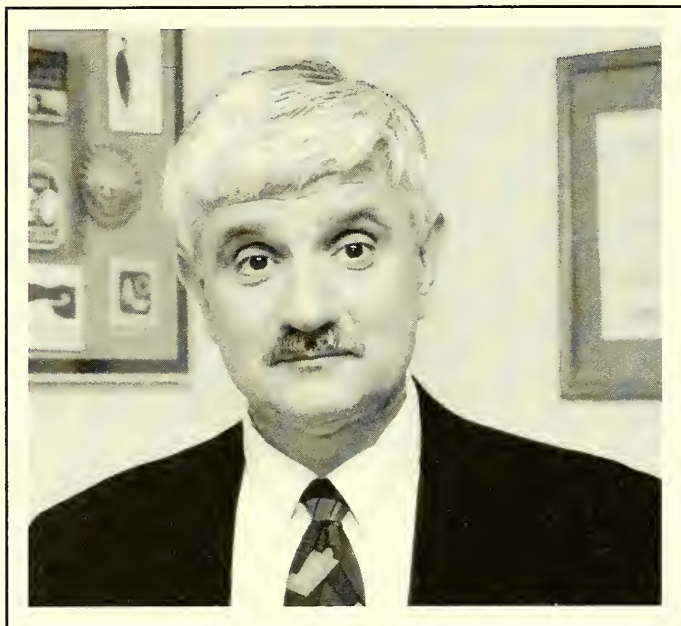
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT



Town of **EASTON** New Hampshire

Year ending December 31, 2000

This year's Annual Report is dedicated to:



STEVE NORTH

Town Moderator 1986-1996

Principal, Profile High School 1976-1997

Member of Lafayette Regional School Board 1999-2002

Steve embodies the spirit of public service in our town. He has served the town well as its moderator for many years, and also as a member of the Lafayette Regional School Board. Steve's many contributions to the Profile High School while serving as its principal were recognized when a new middle school wing was dedicated to him several years ago.

Steve lives in harmony with the woods that surround him, and has a deep knowledge of the many forest animals and their tracks. He loves to fish, hunt game birds, and camp. Steve has an intimate knowledge of all the logging roads in the area, and tramps or snowshoes these roads, as well as the many trails that he has cut through his own property, daily with his faithful dog.

It is with great appreciation that we salute Steve for his warm and welcoming nature, and for his many contributions to our town. Our prayers are with him, in his continuing battle with cancer.

Town of Easton
ANNUAL REPORT
of the Town Officers

for the year ending December 31, 2000

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TOWN OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen

Robert Craven – 2001

Robert Thibault - 2002

Keith Kidder – 2003

Town Clerk

Barbara J. Collier

Treasurer

Jeanne Duggan

Auditor

Ralph Brigida

Tax Collector

Barbara J. Collier

Moderator

Jim Collier – 2002

Lafayette School Board

Stephen North – 2002

Cemetery Trustees

Robert Every – 2001

Terry Rainville – 2002

Joseph Duggan – 2003

Trustee of the Trust Funds

Mary Ann Chippendale – 2001

Planning Board

Anita Craven – 2001

Jim Collier – 2002

Jeff Morgan – 2002

Andrew Noyes – 2003

Patricia Bontempi – Alternate

Robert Thibault – (Ex Officio)

Supervisors of Checklist

Patricia Every – 2002

M. Joan Laboe – 2004

Patricia O'Brien – 2006

APPOINTED OFFICIALS & BOARD MEMBERS

Fire Chief

Charles Casey

Chief of Police

Robert Every

Zoning Board

Robert Every – 2001

Dennis Ford – 2002

Joseph Exley – 2000

Karl Hunninghaus – (Alt) 2000

Kathleen Thibault – 2001

Robert Craven – (Ex-Officio)

Health Officer

Dr. Parker Towle

Conservation Commission

Jim Collier – 2001

Michael Kenney – 2002

Recreation Committee

Laurie Zeiser

Michael Kenney

Road Agent

Robert Peckett

Emergency Manager

Arthur Rainville

**TOWN OF EASTON
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 13, 2001**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 13, 2001. Polls will be open from 3:00 to 6:00 PM for ballot voting on Articles 1 through 5. The Town's annual business meeting will follow at 7:00 PM. To act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year (ballot vote).

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to the Easton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

Article 6, FUTURE USES Section 601 A, 4.

Delete the words, "No construction shall be undertaken until a plan is submitted to the Board of Selectmen and a building permit issued. Construction of an accessory use structure"

and in their place write "Accessory use structures"

The reason for the change is that the sentence "No construction shall be undertaken" is already in the introduction, so is redundant here. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article.)

ARTICLE 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to the Easton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

Insert a new Section 603 as follows:

Article 6, New 603

The purpose of this provision is to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by controlling and guiding the use of land in the area generally suitable for residential and agricultural use.

1. This District shall include all of the land shown on Maps One (1) through Seven (7) of the Easton Property Maps dated 1980, revised April 1, 2001.
2. All of the provisions of Sections 601 and 602 of this Article shall apply.
3. Where the Residential/Agricultural District is overlaid by another zoning district, the more restrictive regulations shall apply.

And renumber the Sections that follow, and their corresponding sub-sections:

change 603 to 604,

change 604 to 605,

change 605 to 606.

This amendment is proposed to ensure that the Ordinances reflect the wishes of the residents as stated in Easton’s Master Plan. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article.)

ARTICLE 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to the Easton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

Article 8, General Regulations Section 807. Removal.
Add the italicized words so that the section reads
“Removal of fill, gravel, stone or loam for commercial purposes shall be permitted in a *non-Residential/Agricultural District*, provided that”

This amendment is necessary for consistency if the Residential/Agricultural District amendment is adopted. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article.)

ARTICLE 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to the Easton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

Article 8, General Regulations Section 804, Illuminations
Delete the words
“Flashing signs are prohibited and no sign or structure shall be illuminated in a manner which causes distraction, confusion or hazard to vehicular traffic”
And in their place write:
1. Exterior lighting shall be so arranged and shielded as to prevent direct glare from the light source onto any public street or onto other property.
2. Flashing signs are prohibited.

The proposed working includes all exterior lighting. It is in response to resident concern, and to state and national discussions about ways in which small towns and rural areas are impacted by rapid growth, one of which is the impending loss of our “dark skies”.
(The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article.)

ARTICLE 6. Bond Issue for Town Office Building

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 for the construction and equipping of a new Town Office building and for the remodeling of the original town hall as necessary in conjunction with the new building, and to authorize the issuance of not more that \$120,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and furthermore, to appoint the Selectmen as agents to administer and expend this fund. A 2/3-cast vote is required for this article. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article).

ARTICLE 7. Town Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$111,121.00 for general Town operations as follows:

4130 - Executive	\$ 11,345.00
4140 - Election, Registration & Vital Stats.	2,800.00
4150 - Financial Administration	2,950.00
4152 - Revaluation of Property	650.00
4153 - Legal Expense	5,000.00
4155 - Personnel Administration	375.00
4191 - Planning & Zoning	400.00
4194 - General Government Buildings	6,100.00
4195 - Cemeteries	1,500.00
4196 - Insurance	2,984.00
4197 - Advertising & Reg. Associations	1,285.00
4199 - Contingency Fund	5,000.00
4210 - Police Department	4,300.00
4215 - Ambulances	1,800.00
4220 - Fire Department	10,826.00
4290 - Forest Fire Fighting & Training	200.00
4299 - Communications	1,725.00
4312 - Highways	24,000.00
4323 - Hazardous Waste Collection	0.00
4324 - Solid Waste Collection	12,538.00
4414 - Animal Control	100.00
4415 - Health Agencies	1,117.00
4419 - Hospice	210.00
4442 - Welfare – General Assistance	500.00
4449 - Tri-County Community Action	400.00
4520 - Recreation Programs	6,416.00
4612 - Conservation Commission	200.00
4711 - Principal Payment on \$120,000 bond	3,000.00
3721 - Interest on \$120,000 Bond	3,150.00
4723 - Interest on TAN Note	250.00
	\$111,121.00

ARTICLE 8. Easton Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be placed in the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund for equipment acquisition and replacement for the Easton Fire Department. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article).

ARTICLE 9. Capital Reserve Fund for Town Offices.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (5,000.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for Town Offices. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article).

ARTICLE 10. Resurfacing/Repairing and Tree Trimming of Town Roads.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate (\$6,000.00) to continue the program of resurfacing and repairing Town roads. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article).

ARTICLE 11. Town Hall Generator.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for a Town Hall Generator. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article).

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept Cooley Hill Road as a town road, pending approval of the Board of Selectmen.

(The Selectmen do not recommend adoption of this article).

ARTICLE 11. To act upon any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Selectmen of Easton
Robert B. Craven, Chair
Robert Thibault
Keith Kidder

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE TOWN

Town Election Day	Voting 3:00 PM – 6 PM	Tuesday March 13, 2001
Town Meeting	7 PM	Tuesday March 13, 2001
Fireman’s Field Day		Usually last Saturday in June

The following reports will be available at the Town Clerk’s office:

- Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce
- Grafton County Senior Citizens Council
- Hospice of the Littleton Area
- Tri-County Community Action Report
- North Country Council
- UNH Cooperative Extension-Grafton County
- White Mountain Mental Health Report

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Our Board is responsible for conducting the business of the Town. We regularly review and approve requests for building permits, rule on requests for property reappraisals, respond to noise complaints, most notably caused by early-morning logging operations, and enforce our Zoning and Subdivision ordinances. We are pleased to report that during the past year, we have been able to work constructively with all affected parties to resolve the numerous problems that have arisen without having to take legal action. Some of the items and events of the past year of particular note to our residents are described below:

Town Hall renovation and construction for new offices: We continue to believe that centralizing Town offices in the Town Hall, rather than locating them within the homes of the actual Town office holders themselves, will help to attract more people willing to serve in Town government. We continue to support the work of the Capital Planning Program Committee in its plans for renovating the Town Hall and for constructing an addition to it for Town Offices. We support the proposed financing of this work by issuing a long-term bond, so that the cost would be amortized over the expected life of the addition, and shared by future, as well as present taxpayers.

New computer and printer: We purchased a new desktop computer and high-speed laser printer for our Town Clerk, after her old computer broke down and was judged not worth repairing. Using this new computer and printer, our Town Clerk can now perform her many administrative tasks with greater productivity and with less frustration.

Request to operate a gravel pit withdrawn: A large land parcel on Easton Valley Road in the center of our Town had been purchased, ostensibly for logging purposes, and then for building several homes. After the logging had been completed, the new owners then filed an intent to excavate gravel. (Our present Zoning Ordinance permits commercial excavation throughout the Town, except within certain special districts, one of which is an aquifer protection district, where excavation is a use permitted by Special Exception.)

Our Planning Board determined that the site for the intended gravel pit lay within an aquifer protection district. The new owners then petitioned our Zoning Board of Adjustment for a Special Exception. After several well-attended and contentious ZBA hearings on this Special Exception request, the landowners unexpectedly withdrew their Special Exception request, and have since put this property up for sale.

We commend our Planning Board for their meticulous research, which showed incontestably that the site for the proposed gravel pit lay within an aquifer protection district. This experience demonstrates the importance of the Town having a Master Plan that accurately reflects the values of the residents, and a Zoning Ordinance that supports these values. (At Town Meeting, our Planning Board will offer two amendments to our Zoning Ordinance, which propose to change the areas within the Town in which commercial excavation will be a permitted activity.)

Sugar Hill Road improvement program: Sugar Hill Road, an important intra-town connector, has fallen over the years into a state of great disrepair. We held a public

meeting to consider repair and maintenance alternatives to Sugar Hill Road proposed by the NH Department of Transportation. All owners of property abutting this road were individually notified, and this meeting was well attended and very successful. There was near-unanimous agreement between NHDOT and the road abutters regarding the finalized plans for road repair and maintenance to be implemented by NHDOT. These plans are summarized as follows:

1. Reditch on each side of road where required and clean out and replace culverts, where required, in order, to improve drainage.
2. Remove existing road pavement, construct a proper new roadbed, and then repave road to a width of 18 ft., rather than a full 20-ft., in order to retain the scenic and rural character of the road.
3. Start and complete work as soon as possible, consistent with funding and scheduling constraints, rather than phase the work over several years.

Easton Fire Department 10th anniversary celebration and new tanker truck dedication: Year 2000 marked the 10th anniversary of the Easton Volunteer Fire Department, and this was celebrated at the Fire Station in October. In order to get a large turnout for this event, we individually notified all residents and out-of-town property owners. At this celebration, a “new” water tanker truck was dedicated also. The truck chassis and tank for this tanker had been donated to the Fire Department, and Deputy Fire Chief Art Rainville and Fire Chief “Butch” Casey, assisted by the Easton Firefighters, put in hundreds of hours of volunteer labor to painstakingly transform these cast-offs into a gleaming “new” water tanker truck, at virtually no cost to the Town. (The market value of this restored tanker truck is roughly \$70,000.)

At this celebration, we presented plaques of appreciation, a Certificate of Commendation from Governor Jeanne Shaheen, and a Letter of Recognition from Executive Councilor Ray Burton to Art and Butch, recognizing them for their work in restoring the “new” tanker truck. We applaud the work of Butch, Art, and our volunteer Firefighters in our behalf. The Town is well served by the competence, hard work and dedication of our Easton Firefighters.

GPS Town Mapping: We have made arrangements with the NH Bureau of Emergency Communications to be scheduled for town-wide mapping using the new and highly accurate satellite-based Global Positioning System. This service is being offered to all New Hampshire municipalities at no direct cost to them. The purpose of this mapping is to provide enhanced 911 emergency communications and fast emergency response capability for the Town.

Centralized bill payment policy: At the recommendation of our Town Auditor, and in order to make our accounting practices conform to those recommended by New Hampshire statute, we have requested all Town departments to close out their own independent department checking accounts, and to now submit their approved bills for payment directly to our Town Treasurer, rather than pay them themselves.

Some issues to be addressed during the ensuing year:

Digitizing Town Tax Maps: It is becoming increasingly difficult for our Town Tax Mapping services provider to find draftsmen with the skills to manually update our Town Tax Maps using paper and pen methods. It now seems desirable to get our Town

Tax Maps changed over into a digital form, which could be handled more effectively using computer technology.

Street signs: It would seem very useful to have attractive standardized street signs for all Town and private roads, in order to assist emergency and delivery service people in finding their way around Town. (These street signs, which would conform, to the standards mandated by the Federal Highway Administration, would be mounted using tamper-proof hardware, to prevent theft.)

Town Revaluation: A warrant article proposing this was defeated at the 2000 Town Meeting. However, we continue to receive well-substantiated requests from property owners for tax abatements. These requests suggest that there are many inequities in individual property tax assessments, and that a Town Revaluation should be done, in the interest of fairness to all property taxpayers.

Selectmen of Easton
Robert B. Craven, Chair
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Keith Kidder

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON – REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2000	Actual 2000	Estimated 2001
Taxes:			
3185 Timber Taxes	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 30,766.00	\$ 6,000.00
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	9,000.00	10,367.00	9,000.00
3190 Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3,500.00	7,250.00	4,000.00
Licenses, Permits, & Fees:			
3220 Motor Vehicle Permits	30,000.00	36,567.00	35,000.00
3230 Building Permits	100.00	310.00	100.00
3290 Other Licenses, Permits, & Fees	500.00	29.00	20.00
From State:			
3351 Shared Revenues	1,300.00	1,315.00	500.00
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	3,000.00	5,343.00	3,500.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	6,209.00	6,209.00	6,671.00
Charges For Services:			
3401-3406 Income from Departments	100.00	378.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	0.00	150.00	0.00
3502 Interest on Investments	800.00	1,716.00	500.00
3503-3509 Other	200.00	356.00	0.00
Other Operating Transfers In:			
3916 From Trust & Agency Funds	0.00	239.00	0.00
Other Financing Sources: (Warrant Art. 6)	0.00	0.00	120,000.00
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total Revenues	\$63,709.00	\$100,995.00	\$205,291.00

BUDGET SUMMARY

Subtotal 1	Appropriations Recommended	\$111,121.00
Subtotal 2	Special Warrant Articles Recommended	126,000.00
Subtotal 3	"Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended	<u>11,000.00</u>
Total Appropriations Recommended		\$248,121.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits		<u>205,291.00</u>
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised		\$ 42,830.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON – EXPENDITURES

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATIONS	Estimated 2000	Actual 2000	Budgeted 2001
General Government:			
4130-4139 Executive	\$ 10,645.00	\$ 9,480.00	\$ 11,345.00
4140-4149 Election, Reg. & Vital Stats	2,250.00	3,284.00	2,800.00
4150-4159 Financial Administration	1,800.00	2,898.00	2,950.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	500.00	725.00	650.00
4153 Legal Expense	5,000.00	559.00	5,000.00
4155-4159 Personnel Administration	375.00	306.00	375.00
4191-4193 Planning & Zoning	450.00	371.00	400.00
4194 Government Buildings	3,925.00	4,181.00	6,100.00
4195 Cemeteries	1,800.00	2,039.00	1,500.00
4196 Insurance	3,583.00	2,984.00	2,984.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Associations	1,285.00	1,285.00	1,285.00
4199 Other General Government	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Public Safety:			
4210-4214 Police	4,300.00	3,978.00	4,300.00
4215-4219 Ambulance	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,800.00
4220-4229 Fire Department	11,900.00	10,745.00	10,826.00
4290-4298 Emergency Management	500.00	750.00	200.00
4299 Other Public Safety			
Including Communications	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,725.00
Highways and Streets:			
4312 Highways & Streets	24,000.00	21,732.00	24,000.00
Sanitation:			
4323 Solid Waste Collection	226.00	226.00	0.00
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	13,699.00	13,199.00	12,538.00
Health:			
4414 Pest Control	100.00	0.00	100.00
4415-4419 Health Agencies	961.00	961.00	1,327.00
Welfare:			
4441-4442 Administration & Direct Assist.	500.00	0.00	500.00
4445-4449 Vendor Payments & Other	400.00	400.00	400.00
Culture and Recreation:			
4520-4529 Parks and Recreation	4,720.00	5,666.00	6,416.00
Conservation:			
4611-4612 Admin. & Purchase of Natural Resources	200.00	200.00	200.00

Debt Service:

4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes	0.00	0.00	3,150.00
4723	Interest— Tax Anticipation Notes	250.00	0.00	250.00

Capital Outlay:

4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,360.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
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Total Appropriations	\$101,219.00	\$92,179.00	\$111,121.00
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STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR 2000

Total Town Appropriations Budgeted	\$113,219.00
Less: Town Revenues Budgeted	(69,277.00)
Less: Shared Revenue To Town	(313.00)
Add: Overlay	1,855.00
Add: War Service Credits	<u>950.00</u>
Net Town Appropriations	46,434.00
- School Portion -	
Net Local School Budget	0.00
Regional School Apportionment	461,304.00
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(2,992.00)
State Education Taxes	<u>(178,005.00)</u>
Approved School (s) Tax Effort	280,307.00
State Education Taxes	
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x \$6.60	
26,970,395.00	178,005.00
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation	
(no utilities) 25,718,411.00	
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State	0.00
Total County Appropriation	42,741.00
Less: Shared Revenue	<u>(156.00)</u>
Net County Appropriation	42,585.00
Total Property Tax Assessed	547,331.00
Less: War Service Credits	<u>(950.00)</u>
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$546,381.00

2000 Tax Rate

Town	\$ 1.77
County	1.62
School	10.65
State	<u>6.92</u>
	\$20.96/1000

1999 Tax Rate

Town	\$ 0.04
County	1.64
School	9.96
State	<u>6.93</u>
	\$18.57/1000

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$11,709,286.00
Buildings	14,029,125.00
Less Elderly Exemption	<u>(20,000.00)</u>
Net Valuation Upon Which Tax Rate Is Computed	\$25,718,411.00
Electric Utilities	<u>589,260.00</u>
Total Valuation	\$26,307,671.00
Decrease In Net Valuation Over 1999	\$ 85,244.00

Tax Rate for Property Owners - \$20.96

Tax Rate without Utilities - \$14.04

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2000

Accrual Basis

ASSETS

Cash In All Accounts	\$195,007.45
Property Taxes Receivable – Current Year	37,862.69
Yield Taxes Receivable – Current Year	355.50
Tax Liens Receivable	9,803.04
Reserve For Uncollectibles	(1,806.11)
Accrued Interest Receivable	1,395.00
Prepaid Expenses	1,031.25
Tax Deeded Property	<u>1,442.97</u>
Total Assets	\$245,091.79

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Due To School Districts	\$169,649.00
Yield Tax Bonds Unexpired	5,618.72
Accounts Payable – Vendors	517.57
Property Tax Overpayments To Be Refunded	<u>135.00</u>
Total Liabilities	\$175,920.29
Reserve For Conservation Fund	\$ 2,038.09
Reserve For Tax Deeded Property	<u>1,442.97</u>
Total Restricted Fund Balance	<u>\$ 3,481.06</u>
Fund Surplus-Unrestricted	<u>\$65,690.44</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>69,171.50</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$245,091.79</u>

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
As of December 31, 2000

<u>Description</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Planing & Zoning Expenses	4191	\$ 29.80
Internet Service	4194	39.90
Electricity	4194	38.88
Fire Department Supplies & Utilities	4220	<u>408.99</u>
Total Accounts Payable		\$517.57

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall		\$ 6,660.00
Furniture and Equipment		
Land	\$ 29,450.00	
Building	<u>118,550.00</u>	148,000.00
Other Land		22,400.00
Fire Department		63,261.00
Building, at cost		
Equipment	26,000.00	
Trucks	<u>17,500.00</u>	43,500.00
Library – Furniture, Books, and Equipment		2,200.00
Police Department – Equipment		<u>1,200.00</u>
Total Town Property		\$287,221.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the reports and accounts of the Town of Easton for the year ended December 31, 2000. My examination was made in accordance with the State of New Hampshire guidelines and generally accepted auditing standards as I deemed necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, these reports and accounts present fairly the financial position and operating revenues and expenditures of the Town of Easton for the year ended December 31, 2000.

Ralph Brigida, Auditor
February 2, 2001

TREASURER'S REPORT for the Year Ending December 31, 2000

Bank Balance – January 1, 2000		\$188,336.49
Receipts:		
Tax Collector	\$590,062.41	
Town Clerk	36,566.90	
From Federal Government	10,367.00	
From State of New Hampshire	12,867.73	
From Peoples Bank-Interest	769.54	
From Other Sources	2,500.92	
Trust Fund-Cemetery	239.32	
Yield Tax Bond Account	<u>10,344.42</u>	
Total Receipts		\$663,718.24
Disbursements:		
To Grafton County	\$ 42,741.00	
To School Districts	482,715.00	
Orders of Selectmen	<u>133,629.37</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$659,085.37</u>
Bank Balance as of December 31, 2000		\$192,969.36

YIELD TAX BOND ACCOUNT for the Year Ending December 31, 2000

Balance on Hand January 1, 2001	\$8,432.48
Deposits of Bonds – 2/25/00 Paquette	1,844.00
Interest Year to Date	<u>67.94</u>
	10,344.42
Withdrawals – General Fund	<u>(10,344.42)</u>
Balance on Hand December 31, 2000	\$ 0.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS – 2000

1010-300	Other Officials-Tax Bond Account	\$ 10,344.42
1010-600	Cash-Fire Department	1,478.69
1080-000	Tax Collector	590,062.41
3186-000	Payment in Lieu of Taxes – Federal Government	10,367.00
3220-000	Town Clerk	36,566.90
3230-000	Building Permits	310.00
3290-000	Miscellaneous Permits	29.00
3351-000	New Hampshire Revenue Sharing	1,315.00
3352-000	New Hampshire Room and Meals Tax	5,343.46
3353-000	New Hampshire Highway Block Grant	6,209.27
3401-000	Income from Departments	177.58
3501-000	Sale of Town Property	150.00
3503-000	Connecticut River Bank Interest	769.54
3506-000	Insurance Reimbursements (Dividend)	355.65
3916-000	Trust Fund	<u>239.32</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$663,718.24

DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS 2000

TAX – 1110-000			
1110-100	Liens		\$ 6,667.43
OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES			
2022-200			1,895.63
YIELD TAXES			
3185-000			195.70
EXECUTIVE – 4130-000			
4130-100	Salaries	\$ 1,600.00	
4130-300	Outside Services	745.00	
4130-600	Office Expenses	<u>7,286.50</u>	9,631.50
ELECTION, REGISTRATION,			
VITAL STATISTICS – 4140-000			
4140-100	Salaries	500.00	
4140-200	Fees	1,151.89	
4140-500	Elections/Voters	1,087.49	
4140-600	Office Expenses	<u>577.92</u>	3,317.30
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION – 4150-000			
4150-100	Salaries	1,400.00	
4150-200	Fees	418.54	
4150-600	Office Expenses	<u>1,079.48</u>	2,898.02

ASSESSING – 4152-000		725.00
LEGAL – 4153-000		559.10
PAYROLL TAXES – 4155-000		306.01
PLANNING AND ZONING – 4190-000		
4190-000 Office Expenses		386.77
TOWN BUILDINGS – 4194-000		
4194-400 Utilities	2,942.61	
4194-800 Maintenance	321.04	
4194-000 Grounds Keeping	<u>1,041.98</u>	4,305.63
CEMETERY – 4195-000		
4195-600 Office Expenses	136.20	
4195-800 Maintenance	1,063.12	
4195-900 Mowing	<u>840.00</u>	2,039.32
INSURANCE – 4196-000		2,984.03
ADVERTISING/REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS – 4197-000		1,784.73
POLICE – 4210-000		
4210-200 Labor/Services	2,157.47	
4210-600 Office Expenses	<u>1,820.37</u>	3,977.84
AMBULANCE – 4215-000		1,350.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT – 4220-000		
4220-100 Salaries	500.00	
4220-300 Truck Fuel	330.60	
4220-400 Utilities	1,818.45	
4220-600 Office Expenses	2,394.97	
4220-800 Maintenance	<u>5,291.67</u>	10,335.69
FOREST FIRES – 4290-00		
4290-100 Salaries	123.38	
4290-600 Office Expenses	<u>626.74</u>	750.12
DISPATCH SERVICE – 4299-00		1,931.25
HIGHWAYS – 4312-000		
4312-000 Article #8-1999	1,554.50	
4312-800 Maintenance	27,155.37	
4312-801 Oiling Roads – Article #7	<u>8,289.23</u>	36,999.10
HAZARDOUS WASTE – 4323-000		226.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL – 4324-000		21,969.00
(1999 Balance paid 2000: \$8,770.00)		
HEALTH AGENCIES – 4415-000		761.00

HOSPICE – 4419-000	200.00
TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY – 4449-000	400.00
RECREATION – 4520-000	7,373.00
(1999 Balance paid 2000: \$1,707.00)	
CONSERVATION – 4612-000	200.00
CAPITAL EXPENSE – 4902-000	3,460.20
CAPITAL RESERVE – 4915-000	6,000.00
COUNTY TAXES – 4931-000	42,741.00
SCHOOLS – 4933-000	<u>482,715.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$659,085.37

TAX COLLECTOR – SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Levies of 2000 and Prior

DEBITS

		2000	Levies of: 1999 Prior
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year:			
Property Taxes			\$33,129.17
Utility Charges			1,032.90
Taxes Committed This Year:			
Property Taxes	#3110	\$538,104.00	
Resident Taxes	#3180	0.00	
Land Use Change	#3120	0.00	
Yield Taxes	#3185	26,785.22	
Utility Charges	#3189	8,273.20	
Overpayment:			
Property Taxes	#3110	136.11	
Yield Taxes	#3185	446.17	
Interest – Late Tax	#3190	<u>697.00</u>	<u>1,370.18</u>
Total Debits		\$574,441.70	\$35,532.25

CREDITS

Remitted To Treasurer:			
Property Taxes		\$500,823.59	\$33,129.17
Yield Taxes		26,785.22	
Interest		697.00	1,104.18
Penalties			266.00
Utility Charges		8,273.20	1,032.90
Uncollected Taxes-End Of Year: #1080			
Property Taxes		<u>37,862.69</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Credits		\$674,441.70	\$35,532.25

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

DEBITS

	1999	1998	1997
Tax Liens Executed to Town			
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,952.42	\$ 7,746.96
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	7,492.29	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	<u>7.80</u>	<u>1,106.94</u>	<u>2,447.88</u>
Total Debits	\$7,500.09	\$10,059.36	\$10,194.84

CREDITS

Remitted To Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$ 110.35	\$ 6,531.32	\$ 7,746.96
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	7.80	1,106.94	2,447.88
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year #1110	<u>7,381.94</u>	<u>2,421.10</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Credits	\$7,500.09	\$10,059.36	\$10,194.84

2000 TAXES DUE
As of December 31, 2000

Barnes, S.....	\$ 277.00
Brooks, M.....	4,109.00
Buczala, L.....	3,109.00
Canelas, B.....	2,719.00
Casey, C.	144.00
Chartier, N.....	226.00
Cimino, J.	2,257.00
Cole, B.....	662.00
Dempsey, W.....	246.00
Farrell, C.....	816.00
* Ford, S.	415.00
Kenney, D.....	356.00
Kenney, M.....	37.00
Kenney, D.....	442.00
Kenney Group	1,248.00
Kenney Group	1,371.00
Kenney Group	115.00
Kenney Sr.....	4,007.00
Landis, S.....	71.00
Lavallee, D.	440.00
Lavallee, D.	1,257.00
* Matta, E.	411.00
* Miller, J.	2,318.00
* Moody, F.	1,984.00
Mt. Valley Farm Trust.....	503.00
* O'Brien, K.....	2,834.64
Peckett, J.....	397.04
Peckett, J.....	353.01
Peckett, G.	720.00
Peckett, G.	574.00
Pottberg, E.....	393.00
Shipko, G.....	333.00
* Sorg, G.	263.00
Sugarhill Land, LLC	555.00
Sugarhill Land, LLC	1,155.00
Varieur, K.....	13.00
* Zicarelli, T.....	<u>732.00</u>
 Total	 \$37,862.69

* Denotes Taxes Have Been Paid

1998 TAX LIEN DUE
As of December 31, 2000

Cimino..... \$2,421.10

1999 TAX LIEN DUE
As of December 31, 2000

Brooks	\$4,058.91
Chariter.....	7.80
Cimino.....	2,606.83
Peckett, J.	<u>708.40</u>
	\$7,381.94

2000 TAXS DUE
As of December 31, 2000

Remaining Taxes to be Paid..... \$37,862.69

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 2000

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$35,252.00	
Titles	92.00	
Dogs	349.00	
Penalties	23.00	
Municipal Agent	749.90	
Transfer Station Stickers	2.00	
Certified Copies	40.00	
Filing Fees	5.00	
Certified Copies Fees	8.00	
Miscellaneous	1.00	
Marriages	38.00	
Marriage Fees	<u>7.00</u>	
Total Transferred to Town		\$36,566.90
Less Statutory Fees Paid to Clerk		
Motor Vehicles	(528.00)	
Titles	(92.00)	
Dogs	(60.00)	
Municipal Agent	(750.40)	
Certified Copies Fees	(16.00)	
Marriage Fees	<u>(7.00)</u>	<u>(1,453.40)</u>
Net Income for Town		\$35,113.50
Town Clerk's Pay	\$ 500.00	
Town Clerk's Fees, as above	<u>1,453.40</u>	
	1,953.40	
Expense for Clerk's Office		
Utilities	<u>(349.31)</u>	
Total Pay	\$1,604.19	

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Collier
Town Clerk

Office Hours

Monday Morning
10 AM – 12 Noon

Thursday Afternoon
4 PM – 6 PM

**BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF EASTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 2000**

Date & Place Of Birth	Name Of Child	Name Of Father & Mother's Name
February 22, 2000 Easton, NH	Isabella R. Miller-White	Paul Miller-White Kyla Miller-White
August 29, 2000 Littleton, NH	Samuel D. Greene	Christopher Greene Mary Jo Belnap
December 5, 2000 Littleton, NH	Sierra Jane Price	Eric Price Andrea Price

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF EASTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 2000**

Date & Place Of Marriage	Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
April 8, 2000 Auburn, NH	James T. Schell Heidi Schell	Houston, TX Easton, NH
August 26, 2000 Sugar Hill, NH	Gregory H. Pritham Whitney A. Wieggal	Easton, NH Weston, CT
November 11, 2000 Easton, NH	Jeffrey L. Lax Marianne Peterson	Littleton, NH Easton, NH
November 25, 2000 Easton, NH	Paul J. Buczala Carrie A. Vose	Easton, NH Easton, NH

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF EASTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 2000**

Date & Place Of Death	Name & Surname Of Deceased
January 25, 2000 Littleton, NH	James E. Robinson
November 15, 2000 Carroll, NH	Thomas E. Rimoshytus

REPORT OF THE EASTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The year 2000 was a year that brought happiness and some sadness for the Easton Fire Department. We mourned the loss of our Brother and Captain, Tom Rimoshytus, who died unexpectedly this year. Tom was a valuable Member of this Department who spent many hours training other Members how to fight fire and how to provide water at the fire scene. Tom was a dedicated Firefighter and a great friend who will be missed greatly by all those whose lives he touched.

2000 marked the Ten Year Anniversary of the Department and it's service to the residents of the Town. A joyous celebration was held in October of 2000 marking Ten Years of Service to the Town. Many residents and friends of the Town of Easton turned out for this celebration. In addition to this celebration, we celebrated the Dedication of our new tank truck. This truck was constructed with literally hundreds of hours of volunteered labor and many donations from every corner of our Community. A very special thank you was given by the Board of Selectmen to Chief Casey and Art Rainville for their time and dedication in their tireless effort to complete the new tanker. Many other firefighters and friends also spent long hours helping to build the new tank truck. The truck was placed in service and dedicated to the residents of the Town of Easton.

Easton Fire Department responded to 21 Calls in 2000. Six (6) of these Calls were within the Town of Easton and are broken down as follows:

Power Lines Down	2	Woodland Fires	1
Alarm Activations	2	Mutual Aid to other Towns	15
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1		

Easton Firefighters fought three structure fires in the Town of Lincoln this year. Easton Firefighters were among the first firefighters on the scene of the fires at the Common Man Restaurant and the Nordic Inn. Both of these fires were the result of arson. Easton Firefighters were commended by the Town of Lincoln for doing an excellent job fighting fire and supplying water. This arena provided excellent training for all the firefighters present and showed the tremendous dedication that every firefighter from Easton has in doing the most professional job possible. This arena also showed how valuable it is to train with other Towns during non-critical times so that things will run smoothly and efficiently when fighting actual fires.

Fire Prevention Week was executed in the local daycare facilities. A greater understanding of fire and how to prevent fire was bestowed upon the youngsters. Each year, the children enjoy the presentation that the Firefighters put on. This is a valuable asset to the community and the safety of our children.

We, the Easton Firefighters, would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every resident for his or her support over the past year and in past years. 2000 was a good year and we look forward to the year 2001 and stand ready to provide the best possible fire service to our community. We will be there when you need us, and we will answer the alarm with even greater fervor and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,
The Easton Firefighters
Chief, Charles Casey

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

There are 2,200 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention and law enforcement. The number of fires reported during the 2000 fire season was below average as referenced in the statistics below. Despite this, our network of fire towers and detection patrols were still quite busy with the fire towers being first to report over 135 fires. These fires were quickly and accurately reported to the local fire department for their prompt and effective suppression efforts. Wildland fires occurring in areas where homes are situated in the woodlands are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers. Please contact the Forest Protection Bureau to request a brochure to assist you in assessing fire safety around your home and woodlands.

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the grounds is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. Forest Rangers have investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timer harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217, or for general information visit our website at www.dred.state.nh.us.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection system and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. These factors are critical in controlling the size of wildland fires, keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Due to permitting and fire safety concerns, please contact your local fire department BEFORE using portable outdoor fire places and vessels, including those constructed of clay, concrete or wire mesh.

Please contact your local fire department before doing ANY outside burning.

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!

2000 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru November 10, 2000)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Hillsborough	118	40
Rockingham	49	24
Merrimack	92	16
Belknap	54	13
Cheshire	41	20
Strafford	58	13
Carroll	46	10
Grafton	16	7
Sullivan	12	2
Coos	30	4
	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2000	516	149
1999	1301	452
1998	798	443

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Debris Burning	263
Miscellaneous*	151
Smoking	30
Children	17
Campfire	16
Arson/Suspicious	14
Equipment Use	9
Lightning	9
Railroad	7
*Miscellaneous (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV, unknown)	

CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT

One burial took place in the year 2000. Charles Ney was laid to rest beside his beloved wife, Doris who died several years ago.

Memorial Day Services, were once again, well attended. Our appreciation is extended to the Howard Shawney Post Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard and Ladies Auxiliary for their participation in our program. Also, we thank all those who participated in the event, especially the Kinsman Valley Club and Fire Department.

Many of the Memorial Stones in the oldest section of the cemetery were falling over due to erosion, etc. and were reinforced. This will be an ongoing program.

Fencing, which began in 1999 was completed on two sides in the new cemetery section.

Trees were planted along one side of the new cemetery section to enhance the area and provide a screen in lieu of fencing. Some monies were taken from the interest account in the Trust Fund to complete this project.

Easton Cemetery Trustees,
Robert E. Every
Terri Rainville

CONSERVATION COMMISSION Year Ending December 31, 2000

Balance in Savings Account – January 1, 2000 \$1,796.08

RECEIPTS

Interest from Bank – 01/01/00 – 03/31/00	\$9.77	
04/01/00 – 06/30/00	9.83	
07/01/00 – 09/30/00	7.07	
10/01/00 – 12/31/00	<u>15.34</u>	
	42.01	
	.	
Deposits	200.00	<u>242.01</u>

Balance in Savings Account – December 31, 2000 \$2,038.09

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2000

	PRINCIPAL				INCOME			Principal & Interest
	Balance 01/01/00	Added Funds or Reinvested	Expended Funds	Balance 12/31/00	Balance 01/01/00	Income	Expended 12/31/00	
Common Trust Funds								
Cemetery:								
CT River Bank C.D.	\$ 7,960.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00	\$7,960.00	\$ 701.24	\$496.49	\$ 0.00	\$1,197.73
CT River Bank Savings	100.25	0.00	0.00	100.25	721.52	18.23	239.32	500.43
								600.68
Total Common Trust	\$8,060.25	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$8,060.25	\$1422.76	\$514.72	\$239.32	\$1,698.16
Capital Reserve Funds								
Fire Dept. Equipment								
Woodsville Guaranty C.D.	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$241.23	\$125.84	\$0.00	\$367.07
Town Offices								
CT River Bank	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	1.19	476.21	0.00	477.40
								10,477.40
Total Reserve Funds	\$7,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$13,000.00	\$242.42	\$602.05	\$0.00	\$844.47
Library Memorial Fund								
CT River Bank C.D.	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$264.26	\$39.47	\$0.00	\$303.73
								\$853.73
Total Memorial Fund	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$264.26	\$39.47	\$0.00	\$303.73
								\$853.73
TOTAL FUNDS	\$15,610.25	\$6000.00	\$0.00	\$21,610.25	\$1,929.44	\$1,156.24	\$239.32	\$2,846.36
								\$24,456.61

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

Activity during the past year was about the same as last year with the Department answering calls for accidents, locating individuals, checking suspicious vehicles and individuals, checking welfare, answering requests for service from other agencies, checking on gunshots, answering burglar alarms, picking up stray dogs, talking to newly licensed individuals about their driving, and listening to citizen concerns.

There were several traffic accidents. If you do drive at night watch for moose and drive at a speed that recognizes this hazard. I'm sure at one time or another we all drive faster than we should along Route 116. Recently, a resident's dog was hit and killed; it could have been a child, bicyclist, or pedestrian. Please watch your speed and stay alert; accidents occur without warning and the results can be tragic.

During the year, I responded to thirty-two calls for service; I also attended training sessions at Police Standards and Training and was recertified for day and night firing on the 9mm semi-automatic pistol and shotgun. In addition, the Department upgraded some of its equipment during the year.

If my schedule permits during the coming summer, I hope to visit some of the homes in Easton and talk with you; I've found this very beneficial in the past.

Contrary to surrounding towns, there were no burglaries in Easton during 2000; I credit this to the fact that you keep a close watch on your neighbor's and fellow resident's property.

In closing, I'd like to thank you for the trust and confidence you've placed in me.

Respectfully,

Robert Every

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

This past year, in addition to the regular Summer and Winter maintenance, more ditching on Paine Road has been done. Also two sections on Paine Road were resurfaced as were Beaver Meadow Road and the Fire Station entrance and parking lot.

I hope to improve Ruskin Road this coming year in anticipation of resurfacing that part of the Easton Road system.

Respectfully,

Robert P. Peckett

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board considered a variety of issues this year. Not surprisingly, most of our attention was directed towards the Zoning Ordinances, since it is our business to be sure they represent the wishes of the Town.

We placed two Zoning Amendments on the March ballot, both of which were accepted by the voters. These were “housekeeping” amendments.

We held hearings in May on an application for an excavation permit, but ultimately directed the applicants to the Zoning Board of Adjustment because the proposed site was in the Aquifer Protection District, and therefore fell under ZBA jurisdiction.

In response to resident input, we proposed a Zoning Amendment for the 2001 Ballot, which in accordance with the Town’s Master Plan, creates a Residential District where commercial excavation will be not be permitted.

We also proposed an illumination amendment that controls direct glare from exterior lights. This was in response to resident concern, and to State and National discussions identifying lighting as one of the ways the character of rural Towns can be negatively impacted by growth.

Some of us attended U.S. Forest Service planning meetings, and the Annual Fall Municipal Law Lectures. We also had conversations with the Selectmen and State Highway Agent about repairs to Sugar Hill Road

The Board is aware of the growing development pressures being felt in Town. We plan to explore how “sprawl” applies to Easton, and try to determine how we might avoid its potential negative aspects. We earnestly seek ideas about this from all residents.

We also seek Planning Board Alternates. Some members have served for several years. It would be nice for other residents to step forward. The Planning Board meets once a month (currently the first Wednesday). Alternates attend these meetings and substitute as full voting members whenever a regular Board person is absent. There is a real need for Alternates; since more often than not, there is at least one absence. Of course all meetings are open, and everyone is always welcome to come with an opinion, or to simply observe your Board as we work to keep Easton as you want it.

Respectfully submitted
for the Board

Anita Craven, Chair

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

The Life Squad has experienced another busy year. As of the end of November we had treated 168 patients in the three towns we cover.

At present we have a full roster including two EMT-Is. Because of extended training, these two dedicated members are able to administer medications or life saving drugs via IV to anyone needing them.

This year, with the monies budgeted by Franconia plus the monies donated from Sugar Hill and Easton, we will be purchasing new protective clothing to be used at accident scenes.

The following is the run detail for the year.

<u>Emergency Description</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Fran.</u>	<u>S. Hill</u>	<u>Easton</u>	<u>Other</u>
Motor Vehicle Accidents	40	38	1	0	1
Medical Emergencies	26	17	7	2	0
Rec. Vehicle Accidents	2	2	0	0	0
Bicycle Accidents	3	3	0	0	0
Misc. Health Problems	2	2	0	0	0
Cardiac Problems	2	2	0	0	0
Alcohol Problems	0	0	0	0	0
Deaths	0	0	0	0	0
Burns/Fire related	2	0	2	0	0
Mt. Rescue Med. Emergency	2	2	0	0	0
Drug Overdose	0	0	0	0	0
Minor Med. Emergency	18	15	3	0	0
No Transport/Refused	5	5	0	0	0
Fire Department Assists	41	41	0	0	0
Skiing Accidents	3	3	0	0	0
Domestic Violence Calls	1	1	0	0	0
Life Line Calls	3	0	3	0	0
	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL RUNS	154	135	16	2	1

The Franconia Life Squad would like to thank the three towns we serve for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel N. Peabody
Chief, Franconia Life Squad

TRI TOWN TRANSFER STATION

As you all know, 2000 was a year of transition for the Transfer Station. In order to gain control of solid waste disposal costs and to expand recycling opportunities, a “Pay As You Throw” (PAYT) system was implemented on January 1st. Thanks to the support and cooperation of our three Towns, our new system is off to an excellent start.

As hoped, PAYT resulted in a reduction of material land filled, giving us better control over disposal costs. This reduction was even more dramatic than anticipated. In 1999, we sent 1,120 tons of solid waste to the landfill at a cost of \$64,581. Tonnage for 2000 was 470 tons – a 58% reduction – and despite an increase in disposal fees, the disposal cost for our Towns was reduced to \$34,571.

Our recycling program got off to a strong start, allowing us to market 224 tons of materials. Revenue from recycled material went from \$499 in 1999 to \$11,215 in 2000. We processed 172 bales of paper products or 111 tons, 20 bales or 7 tons of plastic, 1.2 tons of aluminum cans, 5 tons of steel cans, 20 tons of scrap metal and 79 tons of glass. Had we landfilled, rather than recycled these materials, the disposal cost would have been \$15,617, making the total value of our recycling program \$26,832.

Plans for 2001 include:

- The purchase of a crusher for glass that will allow us to turn glass into a product usable for roads and construction projects. More types of glass, such as tableware and ceramics will be recyclable and we will no longer need to separate glass by color.
- Additional storage for baled recyclables and an improvement to our loading dock.
- In addition to participating in the Annual Regional Household Hazardous Waste collection (tentatively set for Saturday, June 2), we will be collecting oil-based paint at our facility during the summer months.

Respectfully submitted,
The Transfer Station Crew

TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Balance		\$	0.00
Deposits			
Town of Franconia	\$43,917.00		
Town of Sugar Hill (1999)	434.00		
Town of Sugar Hill (2000)	25,212.00		
Town of Easton	12,199.00		
Stickers (Town of Franconia)	276.00		
PAYT Fees (1999)	6,405.00		
PAYT Fees (2000)	66,747.00		
Special Handling Fees	9,642.00		
Recycled Material	<u>11,215.00</u>		176,047.00
Withdrawals			
Solid Waste Disposal	43,140.00		
Operating Expenses	14,018.00		
Wages, Benefits, Payroll Taxes	<u>73,330.00</u>		<u>130,488.00</u>
Ending Balance		\$	45,559.00

RECREATION PROGRAMS

The Franconia Recreation Program has had another busy and exciting year. As usual, the summer program was amazing and packed with exciting activities under the leadership of Wendy Lyndes. The Adventure Program, now in its fourth summer, continued to grow as the kids participated in various activities, which included camping, mountain biking, and indoor rock climbing. The fun continued in the swim program, taught by Jean Serino, as the children swam in both the Hillwind's pool and at Echo Lake. Lessons were expanded to include basic lifeguarding skills as well as canoe safety.

In Soccer, there were two coed teams this year at the 5th and 6th grade level, coached by Eric Larson and Brian Canales. The kids had an amazing season as they battled their way to the championship tournament held in Colebrook. The younger players also had a busy schedule with Saturday games played under the guidance of Mark and Susan Simpson.

Two other warm weather sports, baseball and softball, had another wonderful season. In baseball, which was coached by Ted Marvelli, Jim Alden, and Eric Larson, the boys had a fabulous time as they learned lots of great new skills. In softball, which was coached by Bob Gorgone, the girls also had a wonderful time and several of them went on to play in the post season with the White Mountain All-Stars, placing 2nd in the State. AWESOME!

Next came basketball in the late fall. Tim Cowles is the coach of a small but talented group of 5th and 6th grade girls and boys. After the holidays, they will expand their schedule to include some games.

The big news of the year is the improvements to the public ice rink. The main improvement is the pavement, which will make ice maintenance easier in the winter, and expand year round usage to include activities such as skateboarding, in-line skating and basketball. In the spring, the improvements will continue as the boards and the asphalt will be painted. It should be noted that all of this is possible thanks to private donations as well as the efforts of those who help put together the Top Notch Triathlon. Finally, in regards to the rink, the Selectmen's Office created a new position for Steve Ray, part of which is to maintain the ice. We are really looking forward to a great skating year, with all the improvements.

Anyone interested in helping coach, officiate, etc., please join us at our Recreation Meetings, which are open to the public. They are held at the Franconia Town Hall on the first Thursday of every month.

Respectfully submitted,

The Recreation Committee

NH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – DISTRICT ONE REPORT

It is once again a privilege to report to the people of this large Northern Council District 98 towns and four cities spread throughout Coos, Grafton, Carroll, Belknap, and Sullivan Counties.

The constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the Executive Council are within the Executive Branch of your New Hampshire State government. Our role is much like a board of directors of a large company. We are charged with carrying out the laws and budget passed by the New Hampshire House and Senate. The Governor and Council employ 294 Commissioners and Directors to administer over 100 departments and agencies to carry out the details of the laws and budget of your State government. The Council has an overall supervisory role in assisting citizens, business, agencies, towns, cities, and counties in effectively working with State government.

Preparing for the coming two-year term that I have been elected to as one of your public servants, I share with you the following ideas and requests:

- If anyone is interested in making a volunteer contribution of their time and talent on a Board or Commission through the appointment process of the Governor and Council, please contact my office or Kathy Goode, Council Liaison, Governor's Office, State House, Concord, NH 03301, Tel. 271-2121, and ask for the appointment list for 2001. As your Councilor, I am always looking for people to serve on a multitude of Boards and Commissions in your State government.
- The Governor's Advisory commission on Intermodal Transportation (five Executive Councilors and the Commissioner of Transportation) will be holding hearings around the State on citizen and regional planning commission recommendations for improving our highway system throughout New Hampshire. If you have suggestions on a needed improvement, please send them to your regional planning commission or to my office soon so they may be given consideration.
- The Regional Health Planning District Councils continue to meet and consider major changes in the health maintenance system for citizens both at the local and state levels. Anyone wishing to serve on your region's District Health Council should contact my office or Lori Real, Director of planning Research at NH Health and Human Services Department, Tel. 271-4235.
- As one of your elected officials, I would urge your town and region to be in constant contact with our New Hampshire Congressional Delegation to let them know of your ideas, concerns and desires. I am interested in promoting projects to send to Senators Smith and Gregg and Congressmen Sununu and Bass. They are effective in their committee assignments, and should always have a list from back home in New Hampshire to advance in our nation's Capitol.
- I recommend use of the NH Webster System. It is the official state locator for your New Hampshire State Government at <http://www.state.state.nh.us>. A complete directory of phone numbers and addresses of all state agencies is listed for your convenience. Utilize your local Town/City Library to access the Webster System, which is administered and maintained by the New Hampshire State Library.
- My office has available a handy 800 toll-free phone card of organizations for rural areas.
- Always know my office is at your service. Contact me anytime!

Ray Burton

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TOWN CLERK'S HOURS

Monday Morning
10am--12 Noon

Thursday Afternoon
4pm--6pm

Dogs must be licensed by May 1, 2001
An up-to-date

DOG LICENSE & RABIES CERTIFICATE NUMBER
is required in Easton to License a dog.

**There is a \$1.00 Penalty for every month past May 1, 2001
and a \$15.00 Penalty if dogs are not licensed by June 1, 2001**

Selectmen meet the 1st and the 3rd Monday of the month from
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Planning Boards meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at
7 PM



Looking over the Wild Ammonoosuc River to Mt. Moosilauke